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SUBJ: ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS TO UN

1. IN MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT JUNE 23 ROK
PRESIDENT PARK STATED, INTER ALIA, QUOTE WE SHALL NOT
OBJECT TO OUR ADMITTANCE INTO THE UNITED NATIONS TOGETHER
WITH NORTH KOREA, IF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS SO WISH, PROVIDED THAT IT DOES NOT
CAUSE HINDRANCE TO OUR NATIONAL UNIFICATION. END QUOTE.
 2. NORTH KOREANS HAVE SO FAR REJECTED ROK PROPOSAL,
ASSERTING DUAL ADMISSION WOULD PERPETUATE DIVISION OF KOREA.
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THEY HAVE CALLED INSTEAD FOR CONFEDERATION BETWEEN SOUTH

AND NORTH, TO BE FOLLOWED BY UN ENTRY OF A SINGLE KOREAN ENTITY. PRC AND USSR HAVE ENDORSED NORTH'S PROPOSAL; SOUTH REJECTS IT AS UNREALISTIC AND, AS PARK'S STATEMENT ABOVE INDICATES, DOES NOT CONSIDER DUAL ADMISSION BAR TO EVENTUAL UNIFICATION.

3. DURING RECENT VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA, THE SECRETARY TOLD ROK THAT US WOULD SUPPORT ROK IN SECURING SUPPORT FOR DUAL ADMISSION AND THAT ALTHOUGH ROK SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD, THE US WOULD WORK WITH ROK IN SEEKING SUPPORT FOR SUCH A RESOLUTION.

4. WE BELIEVE DUAL ADMISSION WOULD ENHANCE PEACE, STABILITY AND DETENTE IN KOREAN PENINSULA. IT WOULD ALSO BE CONSONANT WITH WIDELY HELD VIEW OF UN MEMBERS THAT UN SHOULD STRIVE FOR UNIVERSALITY IN MEMBERSHIP. SUCH ADMISSION NEED NOT PRECLUDE EVENTUAL UNIFICATION OF SOUTH AND NORTH, AND MIGHT INDEED SERVE TO FACILITATE IT.

5. NON-ALIGNED ATTITUDE IN UNGA LIKELY BE CRUCIAL ON THIS MATTER. WE ARE THEREFORE REQUESTING ADDRESSEES TO PROVIDE DEPT SOONEST WITH ASSESSMENT OF HOST GOVERNMENTS' LIKELY ATTITUDE TOWARD DUAL ADMISSION. ALSO IF YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE YOU MIGHT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE RAISE MATTER WITH MFA OFFICIALS DRAWING ON PARA 4, AND ASK WHETHER HOST GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT DRAFT RESOLUTION PROPOSING DUAL ADMISSION. IF CURRENT NORTH KOREAN OPPOSITION BROACHED TO YOU, YOU SHOULD REPLY WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WE HAVE HEARD LAST WORD FROM PYONGYANG. YOU SHOULD ADD WE ARE PUZZLED BY ILLOGICAL NORTH KOREAN STANCE SINCE NORTH HAS ENTERED WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHERE ROK PRESENT) AND HAS ACQUIRED UN OBSERVER STATUS WHICH ROK HAS ENJOYED FOR MANY YEARS. NORTH KOREA HAS ALSO SOUGHT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION WHEREVER THE SOUTH IS PRESENT. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW NORTH RECONCILES THESE DIVERGENT POLICIES WITH ITS REJECTION OF DUAL ADMISSION.

6. US WILL LAUNCH FRONT-RUNNING TO ROK ON THIS MATTER, BUT WE ARE HIGHLY INTERESTED IN GETTING A PRELIMINARY FIX ON
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PROSPECTS FOR DUAL ADMISSION. WHERE ROK IS REPRESENTED, YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH SOUTH KOREANS, PARTICULARLY BEFORE MAKING ANY APPROACH. ROGERS UNQUOTE
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